

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUVENILE CRIME

JUVENILE ARRESTS REPORTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT

Massachusetts' juvenile arrest data from all reporting law enforcement agencies for 1998 were provided by the FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division. Staff of the Statistical Analysis Center entered these data into the software application SPSS. In preparing the file for analysis, only those agencies that reported 12 months of data were selected for inclusion in the study. This analysis encompasses juveniles under the age of 18. Juvenile arrest rates were calculated using juvenile population estimates for each local community in Massachusetts according to age grouping (0-4, 5-9, 10-14, and 15-19 years old) from the Massachusetts Institute for Social and Economic Research (MISER). As this study only included youth through the age of 17, the population estimates for the 15-19 age group were divided by 5 (for each numeric age represented in the grouping) and then multiplied by 3, to obtain an estimated population for juveniles ages 15, 16, and 17. The resulting data was aggregated to determine county and statewide arrest totals and rates.

Table 3-1. Communities Reporting Arrest Data to the Massachusetts State Police Crime Reporting Unit, 1998

County	Total Number of Communities	Number of Communities Reporting	Number of Communities Not Reporting	% of Communities Reporting	Total Agencies Reporting
Barnstable	15	15	0	100%	16
Berkshire	32	11	21	34%	13
Bristol	20	20	0	100%	24
Dukes	7	3	4	43%	4
Essex	34	32	2	94%	35
Franklin	26	14	12	54%	15
Hampden	23	15	8	65%	17
Hampshire	20	11	9	55%	13
Middlesex	54	48	6	89%	56
Nantucket	1	1	0	100%	1
Norfolk	28	26	2	93%	28
Plymouth	27	23	4	85%	25
Suffolk	4	4	0	100%	12
Worcester	60	54	6	90%	59
State Total	351	277	74	79%	318

TOTAL JUVENILE PART I ARRESTS AND ARREST RATES

In 1998, Massachusetts police departments submitting Uniform Crime Report arrest data reported that 7,133 juveniles were arrested for Part I crimes, yielding an arrest rate of 619 per 100,000 juveniles. Sixty-two percent of juvenile Part I crime arrests were for property crimes and 38 percent were for violent crimes.

Franklin and Suffolk Counties had the first and second highest total juvenile Part I arrest rates within the Commonwealth, 1,507 and 1,041 respectively, surpassing the state rate. However, despite having the highest rate, the total number of juveniles arrested for total Part I crimes in Franklin County was 188, far below the 1,348 juveniles arrested in Suffolk County.

Table 3-2.

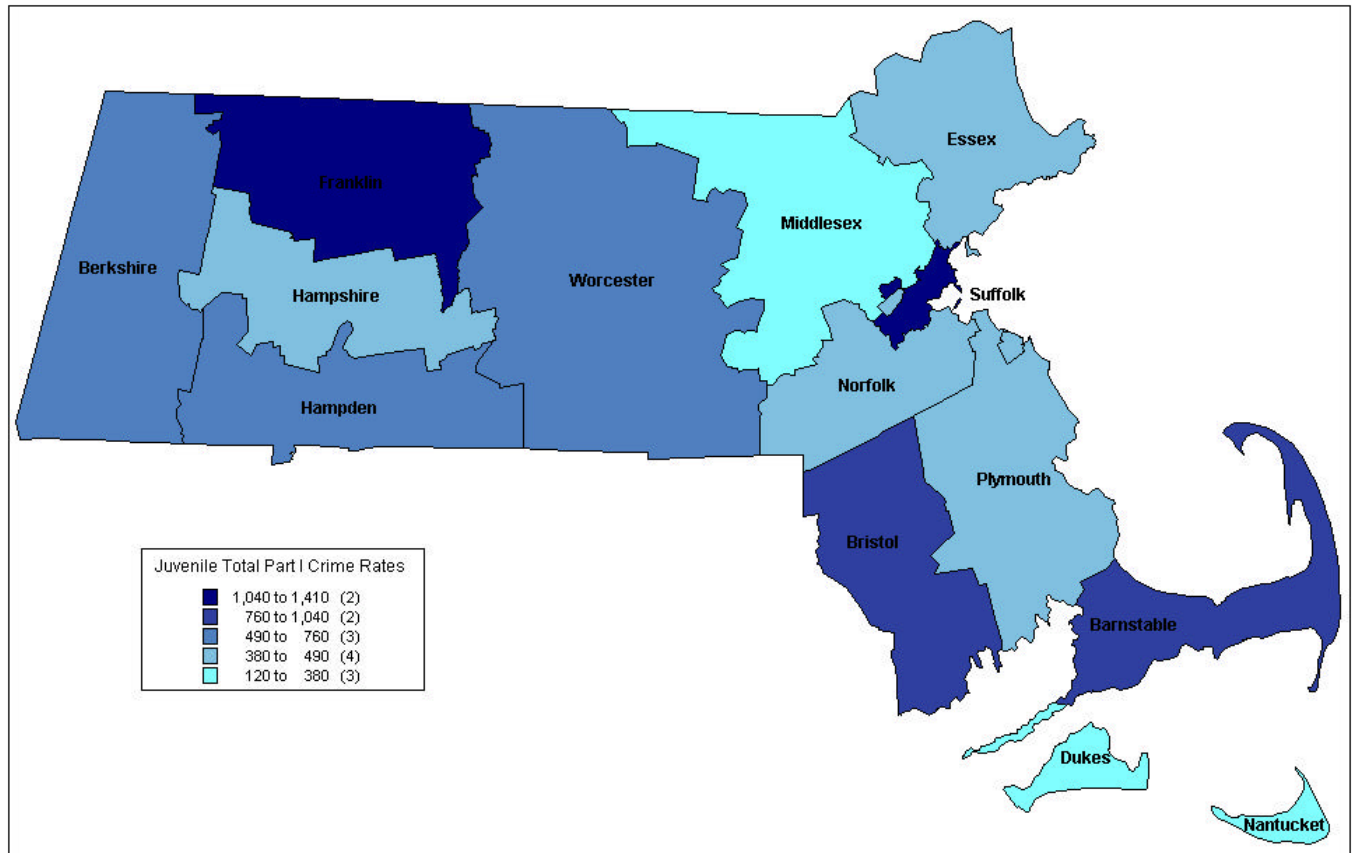
Total Juvenile Part I Arrests and Arrest Rates

County	Total Juvenile Part I Arrests	Juvenile Total Part I Arrest Rate	Total Juvenile Violent Crime Arrests	Total Juvenile Violent Crime Arrest Rate	Total Juvenile Property Crime Arrests	Total Juvenile Property Crime Arrest Rate
Barnstable	332	795.7	110	263.6	222	532.0
Berkshire	134	556.0	44	182.6	90	373.5
Bristol	988	784.3	325	258.0	663	526.3
Dukes	6	270.6	0	.0	6	270.6
Essex	409	393.4	126	121.2	283	272.2
Franklin	188	1507.4	101	809.8	87	697.6
Hampden	856	791.3	288	266.2	568	525.1
Hampshire	113	429.7	35	133.1	78	296.6
Middlesex	688	332.2	240	115.9	448	216.3
Nantucket	2	121.5	0	.0	2	121.5
Norfolk	453	412.3	148	134.7	305	277.6
Plymouth	529	491.0	179	166.1	350	324.8
Suffolk	1348	1040.8	763	589.1	585	451.7
Worcester	1087	712.6	344	225.5	743	487.1
State totals	7133	618.5	2703	234.4	4430	384.1

Source: FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division, 2000

Figure 3-1.

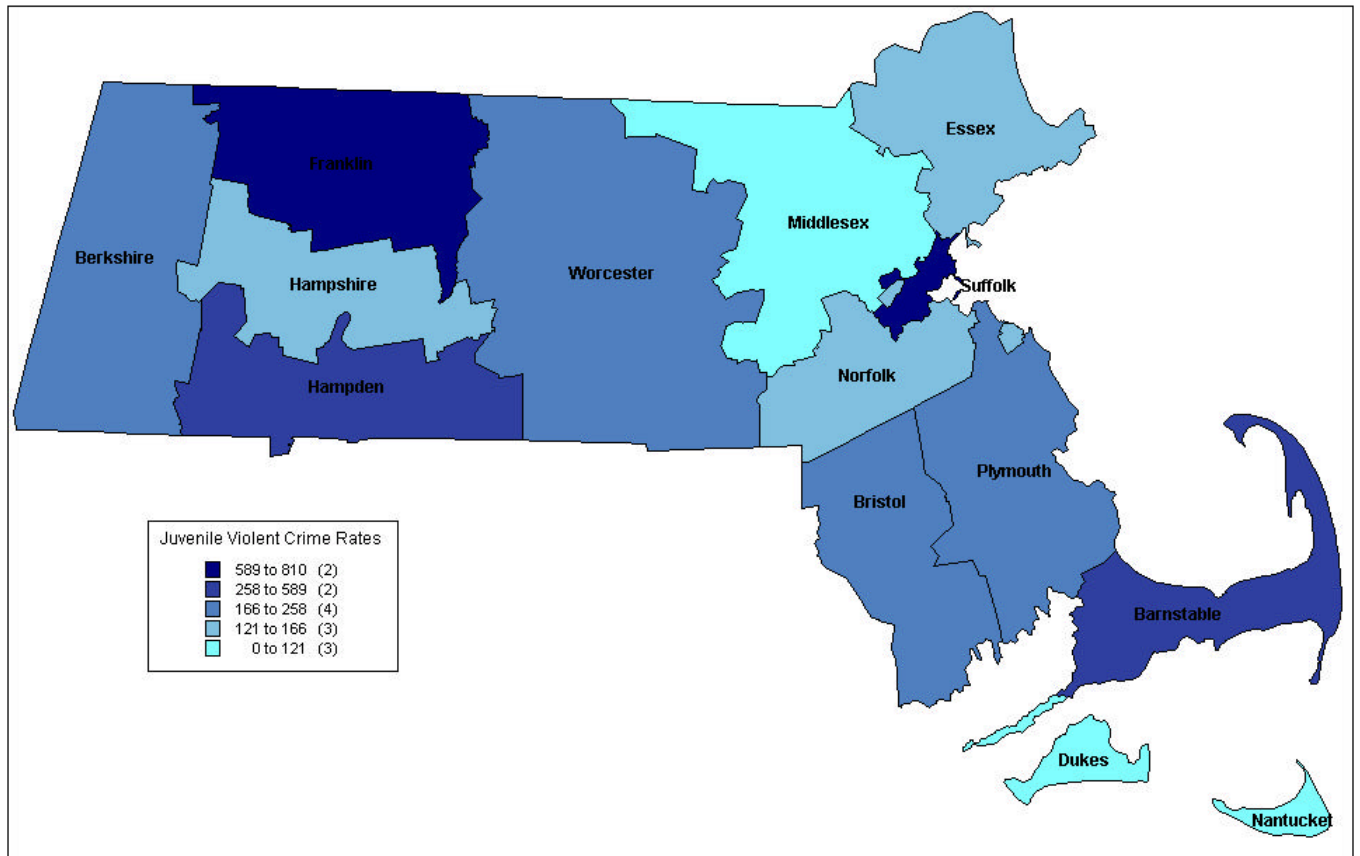
Massachusetts Juvenile Total Part I Crime Rates by County, 1998



Total Violent Crime Arrests. In the Commonwealth, a total of 2,703 juveniles were arrested for violent crimes. Franklin and Suffolk Counties had the first and second highest juvenile violent crime arrest rates, 810 and 589, respectively, and exceeded the total state rate of 234. Franklin County had a total of 101 juveniles arrested for violent crimes, significantly lower than the 763 juveniles arrested in Suffolk County.

Figure 3-2.

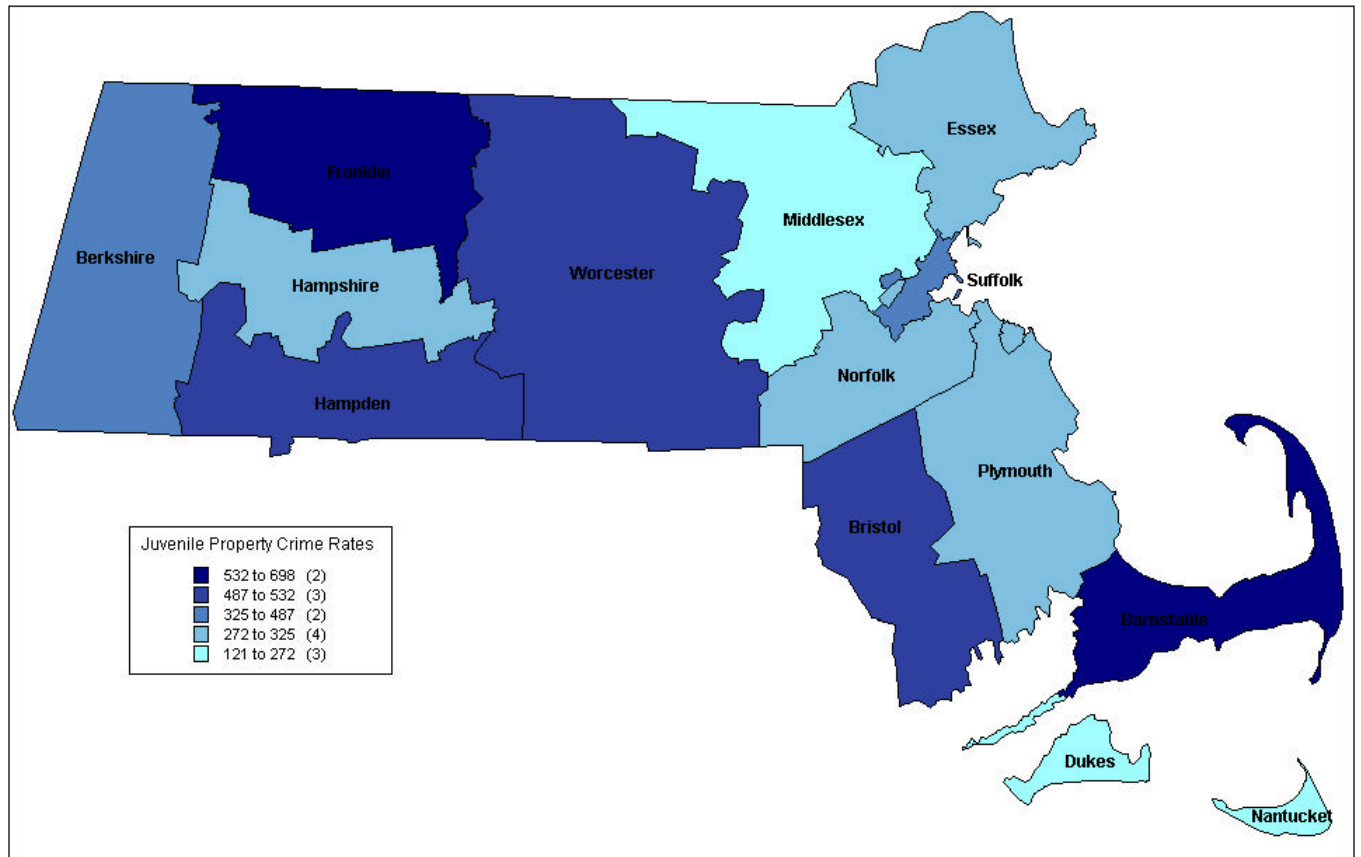
Massachusetts Juvenile Violent Crime Rates by County, 1998



Total Property Crime Arrests. The number of juveniles arrested in Massachusetts for property crimes totaled 4,430, representing a statewide arrest rate of 384 per 100,000 juveniles. Of the 14 counties in Massachusetts, Franklin County had the highest juvenile property crime arrest rate (698), followed by Barnstable County (532).

Figure 3-3.

Massachusetts Juvenile Property Crime Rates by County, 1998



Part I Crime Arrests by Race. The race of juveniles arrested for Part I crimes was approximately 72 percent white, 23 percent African American, 3 percent Asian, and .1 percent American Indian.

In total, 5,164 white juveniles were arrested for Part I crimes in Massachusetts, an arrest rate of 448 per 100,000 juveniles (of all races). Worcester County had the largest number of white juveniles arrested (925), and the fourth highest arrest rate (606). The highest arrest rate for white juveniles was in Franklin County (1,323), where a total of 165 white juveniles were arrested.

A total of 1,646 African American youth were arrested for Part I offenses, for an arrest rate of 143 per 100,000 juveniles. Suffolk County had the highest number of Part I arrests and arrest rate for black juveniles in the Commonwealth, 814 and 629. Hampden County had the second highest number of Part I arrests and arrest rate, 169 and 156 per 100,000 juveniles, respectively.

Corresponding with the low American Indian youth population estimates in Massachusetts (0.2%), a total of 10 American Indian youth were arrested for Part I offenses in 1998, resulting in an arrest rate of 0.9 per 100,000 juveniles. The highest number of Part I arrests for American Indian juveniles occurred in Barnstable County (6), which also has the highest arrest rate at 14.4.

Asian juveniles accounted for 192 total Part I offenses in Massachusetts, for an arrest rate of 16.6 per 100,000 juveniles. The highest number of Part I arrests and arrest rate occurred in Suffolk County, 68 and 52.5. Hampshire County had the second highest arrest rate at 41.8 per 100,000 juveniles, and a total of 11 Asian juveniles arrested for Part I offenses.

Table 3-3.

Juvenile Part I Arrests and Arrest Rates by Race

County	White Juveniles Arrested for Part I Crimes	Juvenile White Part I Arrest Rate	Black Juveniles Arrested for Part I Crimes	Juvenile Black Part I Arrest Rate	American Indian or Alaskan Native Juveniles Arrested for Part I Crimes	Juvenile American Indian or Alaskan Native Part I Arrest Rate	Asian Juveniles Arrested for Part I Crimes	Juvenile Asian Part I Arrest Rate
Barnstable	281	673.4	44	105.4	6	14.4	0	.0
Berkshire	104	431.5	30	124.5	0	.0	0	.0
Bristol	900	714.4	66	52.4	0	.0	16	12.7
Dukes	4	180.4	2	90.2	0	.0	0	.0
Essex	364	350.1	24	23.1	0	.0	12	11.5
Franklin	165	1322.9	9	72.2	0	.0	1	8.0
Hampden	645	596.2	169	156.2	1	.9	4	3.7
Hampshire	89	338.5	13	49.4	0	.0	11	41.8
Middlesex	524	253.0	108	52.2	1	.5	14	6.8
Nantucket	2	121.5	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Norfolk	300	273.1	125	113.8	0	.0	27	24.6
Plymouth	396	367.5	124	115.1	1	.9	6	5.6
Suffolk	465	359.0	814	628.5	1	.8	68	52.5
Worcester	925	606.4	118	77.4	0	.0	33	21.6
State totals	5164	447.7	1646	142.7	10	.9	192	16.6

Source: FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division, 2000

JUVENILE VIOLENT CRIME ARRESTS AND ARREST RATES

Murder. Of the four Massachusetts counties that reported arresting juveniles for murder, Hampshire County had the highest juvenile homicide arrest rate (3.8), and is higher than the state murder arrest rate of 0.5. However, only one juvenile was arrested for murder in Hampshire County, less than the number of juveniles arrested in Bristol (2) and Suffolk (2) Counties, and the state total (6).

Rape. Berkshire and Suffolk Counties had the first and second highest juvenile arrest rates for rape, of 20.7 and 13.9, respectively, both markedly higher than the state rate of 6.1 per 100,000 juveniles. Although Berkshire County had the highest arrest rate of all 14 counties, Suffolk County had the most juveniles (18) arrested for rape.

Robbery. Suffolk County overwhelmingly has the highest juvenile robbery arrest rate (130) in the Commonwealth, significantly higher than the state robbery arrest rate of 32.6. The total number of juveniles arrested for robbery in Suffolk County was 168, representing 45 percent of all juvenile arrests for robbery in the Commonwealth.

Aggravated Assault. The juvenile aggravated assault arrest rate was highest in Franklin County (802), and considerably higher than the state aggravated assault arrest rate of 195 per 100,000 juveniles. The total number of juveniles arrested for aggravated assault in Franklin County was 100, as compared to Suffolk County which had the highest number of juveniles arrested for aggravated assault (575), and the second highest arrest rate (444).

Table 3-4.

Total Juvenile Part I Violent Crime Arrests and Arrest Rates

County	Juvenile Arrests for Murder	Juvenile Murder Arrest Rate	Juvenile Arrests for Rape	Juvenile Rape Arrest Rate	Juvenile Arrests for Robbery	Juvenile Robbery Arrest Rate	Juvenile Arrests for Aggravated Assault	Juvenile Aggravated Assault Arrest Rate
Barnstable	0	.0	2	4.8	5	12.0	103	246.8
Berkshire	0	.0	5	20.7	9	37.3	30	124.5
Bristol	2	1.6	7	5.6	34	27.0	282	223.9
Dukes	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Essex	0	.0	2	1.9	16	15.4	108	103.9
Franklin	0	.0	1	8.0	0	.0	100	801.8
Hampden	1	.9	2	1.8	27	25.0	258	238.5
Hampshire	1	3.8	0	.0	8	30.4	26	98.9
Middlesex	0	.0	8	3.9	26	12.6	206	99.5
Nantucket	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Norfolk	0	.0	3	2.7	31	28.2	114	103.8
Plymouth	0	.0	6	5.6	21	19.5	152	141.1
Suffolk	2	1.5	18	13.9	168	129.7	575	444.0
Worcester	0	.0	16	10.5	31	20.3	297	194.7
State totals	6	.5	70	6.1	376	32.6	2251	195.2

Source: FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division, 2000

JUVENILE PROPERTY CRIME ARRESTS AND ARREST RATES

Burglary. In 1998, Barnstable County had the highest rate of juvenile burglary arrests (213), reflecting a total of 89 juveniles. While this represented only 8.4 percent of total burglary arrests in the Commonwealth, it far exceeded the state burglary arrest rate of 92 per 100,000 juveniles. Bristol County had the highest number of juveniles arrested for burglary (171), and represented the third highest juvenile burglary arrest rate (136) of the 14 counties.

Larceny. In total, 2,966 juveniles were arrested in Massachusetts for larceny. Franklin County had the highest juvenile larceny arrest rate at 449 per 100,000 juveniles. While this represented only 2 percent of total larceny arrests in the Commonwealth, it greatly exceeded the state larceny arrest rate of 257. Worcester County had the highest number of juveniles arrested for larceny (529) and an arrest rate of 347, placing it fourth overall statewide.

Motor Vehicle Theft. In total, 350 juveniles were arrested for motor vehicle theft in Massachusetts, which resulted in a statewide arrest rate of 30.3 per 100,000 juveniles. The juvenile motor vehicle theft arrest rate was highest in Hampshire County (53.2), yet this represented only 4 percent of total motor vehicle theft arrests in Massachusetts. The largest number of juvenile's arrested for motor vehicle theft was in Worcester County (63), which had the second highest motor vehicle theft arrest rate (41.3) in the Commonwealth.

Arson. A total of 54 juveniles were arrested statewide for arson, or 4.7 juveniles per 100,000. Franklin County overwhelmingly exceeded the state arrest rate for arson at 32.1, with 4 juvenile arrests for arson. The largest number of juveniles arrested for arson was in Bristol County (10); however, it ranked third of the 14 counties in arson arrest rates.

Table 3-5.

Juvenile Part I Property Crime Arrests and Arrest Rates

County	Juvenile Arrests for Burglary	Juvenile Burglary Arrest Rate	Juvenile Arrests for Larceny	Juvenile Larceny Arrest Rate	Juvenile Arrests for Motor Vehicle Theft	Juvenile Motor Vehicle Theft Arrest Rate	Juvenile Arrests for Arson	Juvenile Arson Arrest Rate
Barnstable	89	213.3	121	290.0	9	21.6	3	7.2
Berkshire	26	107.9	60	249.0	4	16.6	0	.0
Bristol	171	135.7	438	347.7	44	34.9	10	7.9
Dukes	1	45.1	5	225.5	0	.0	0	.0
Essex	73	70.2	171	164.5	30	28.9	9	8.7
Franklin	25	200.4	56	449.0	2	16.0	4	32.1
Hampden	131	121.1	387	357.7	43	39.7	7	6.5
Hampshire	21	79.9	41	155.9	14	53.2	2	7.6
Middlesex	95	45.9	296	142.9	46	22.2	9	4.3
Nantucket	1	60.8	1	60.8	0	.0	0	.0
Norfolk	59	53.7	213	193.9	32	29.1	1	.9
Plymouth	88	81.7	222	206.0	38	35.3	2	1.9
Suffolk	134	103.5	426	328.9	25	19.3	0	.0
Worcester	144	94.4	529	346.8	63	41.3	7	4.6
State totals	1058	91.7	2966	257.2	350	30.3	54	4.7

Source: FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division, 2000

TOTAL JUVENILE DRUG ARRESTS AND ARREST RATES

In total, 2,275 juveniles were arrested for drug violations in Massachusetts in 1998, representing a drug arrest rate of 197.3 juveniles per 100,000. Suffolk County had the highest number of juvenile drug arrests (429) and the highest corresponding juvenile drug arrest rate (331). Hampden County experienced the second highest juvenile arrest rate for drug violations with 324 arrests and an arrest rate of 300 per 100,000 juveniles.

Table 3-6.

Total Juvenile Drug Arrests and Arrest Rates

County	Juvenile Total Drug Offense Arrests	Total Juvenile Drug Offense Arrest Rate
Barnstable	120	287.6
Berkshire	40	166.0
Bristol	207	164.3
Dukes	4	180.4
Essex	184	177.0
Franklin	35	280.6
Hampden	324	299.5
Hampshire	27	102.7
Middlesex	273	131.8
Nantucket	1	60.8
Norfolk	135	122.9
Plymouth	200	185.6
Suffolk	429	331.2
Worcester	296	194.0
State totals	2275	197.3

Source: FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division, 2000

JUVENILE DRUG SALE AND MANUFACTURING ARRESTS AND ARREST RATES

Statewide, a total of 506 juveniles were arrested for the sale and manufacturing of drugs in 1998, representing an arrest rate of 43.9 per 100,000 juveniles. Suffolk County overwhelmingly had the highest juvenile arrest rate (155) for drug sale and manufacturing, over three times higher than the statewide arrest rate, as well as the largest number of juveniles arrested for drug sale and manufacturing (201).

Opium, Cocaine, and Derivatives. In total, 259 juveniles were arrested in the Commonwealth for the sale and manufacturing of opium, cocaine, and derivatives, which resulted in an arrest rate of 22.5 per 100,000. Suffolk County had the highest juvenile arrests and arrest rate for the sale and manufacturing of opium, cocaine, and derivatives, 112 and 86.5, respectively.

Marijuana. In 1998, the highest number of juvenile arrests for the sale and manufacturing of marijuana occurred in Suffolk County, representing 38 percent of the total marijuana arrests in Massachusetts. Suffolk County also experienced the highest corresponding arrest rate of juveniles in the Commonwealth for the sale and manufacturing of marijuana, 67.2 in Suffolk County as compared to 19.9 statewide.

Synthetic Narcotics. Law enforcement agencies reported only three juveniles were arrested for the sale and manufacturing of synthetic narcotics, representing a state rate of 0.3 per 100,000 youth. One juvenile was arrested in Barnstable County and two were arrested in Suffolk County.

Other Drugs. With regard to the sale and manufacturing of “other” drugs by juveniles, the total number of arrests made in Massachusetts was 15, or 1.3 per 100,000. Worcester County had the highest arrest rate at 4.6, and a total of 7 juveniles arrested.

Table 3-7.

Juvenile Drug Sale and Manufacturing Arrests and Arrest Rates

County	Juvenile Total Drug Sale and Manufacturing Arrests	Total Juvenile Drug Sale and Manufacturing Arrest Rate	Juvenile Sale and Manufacturing Opium, Cocaine, and Derivatives Arrests	Juvenile Drug Sale and Manufacturing Opium, Cocaine, and Derivatives Arrest Rate	Juvenile Sale and Manufacturing Marijuana Arrests	Juvenile Drug Sale and Manufacturing Marijuana Arrest Rate	Juvenile Sale and Manufacturing Synthetic Narcotics Arrests	Juvenile Drug Sale and Manufacturing Synthetic Narcotics Arrest Rate	Juvenile Sale and Manufacturing Other Drugs Arrests	Juvenile Drug Sale and Manufacturing Other Drugs Arrest Rate
Barnstable	15	35.9	0	.0	14	33.6	1	2.4	0	.0
Berkshire	3	12.4	3	12.4	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Bristol	40	31.8	15	11.9	25	19.8	0	.0	0	.0
Dukes	1	45.1	0	.0	1	45.1	0	.0	0	.0
Essex	19	18.3	4	3.8	13	12.5	0	.0	2	1.9
Franklin	1	8.0	0	.0	1	8.0	0	.0	0	.0
Hampden	78	72.1	46	42.5	32	29.6	0	.0	0	.0
Hampshire	4	15.2	2	7.6	2	7.6	0	.0	0	.0
Middlesex	20	9.7	6	2.9	10	4.8	0	.0	4	1.9
Nantucket	1	60.8	1	60.8	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Norfolk	11	10.0	3	2.7	7	6.4	0	.0	1	.9
Plymouth	35	32.5	21	19.5	13	12.1	0	.0	1	.9
Suffolk	201	155.2	112	86.5	87	67.2	2	1.5	0	.0
Worcester	77	50.5	46	30.2	24	15.7	0	.0	7	4.6
State totals	506	43.9	259	22.5	229	19.9	3	.3	15	1.3

Source: FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division, 2000

JUVENILE DRUG POSSESSION ARRESTS AND ARREST RATES

During 1998, a total of 1,596 juveniles were arrested for drug possession in Massachusetts, resulting in an arrest rate of 138 per 100,000 juveniles. Barnstable County reported a total of 103 juvenile arrests for drug possession and had the highest juvenile drug possession arrest rate at 247. In comparison, Hampden County had the largest number of juveniles arrested for drug possession (231) and the third highest arrest rate at 214. There were no reported juvenile drug possession arrests in Nantucket County.

Opium, Cocaine, and Derivatives. The number of juveniles arrested for possession of opium, cocaine, and derivatives totaled 123 statewide, for an arrest rate of 10.7 per 100,000. Hampden County has the highest number of juvenile's arrested for possession of opium, cocaine, and derivatives (36) and the second highest arrest rate at 33.3, over three times the state arrest rate.

Marijuana. In total, 1,420 juveniles were arrested for possession of marijuana statewide, representing an arrest rate of 123 per 100,000. While Suffolk County reported the most juveniles arrested for possession of marijuana (198), it ranked fourth overall in arrest rates for marijuana possession (153). Barnstable County, which had the highest arrest rate in the Commonwealth at 216 per 100,000 juveniles, had a total of 90 juvenile's arrested for possession of marijuana.

Synthetic Narcotics. Statewide, juvenile arrests for possession of synthetic narcotics totaled 11 in 1998, reflecting an arrest rate of 1 juvenile per 100,000. Barnstable and Essex Counties each arrested 3 juveniles for possession of synthetic narcotics.

Other Drugs. Juveniles arrested for possession of other drugs totaled 45 statewide, for an arrest rate of 3.9 per 100,000. Plymouth County had the highest number of arrests and arrest rate for juvenile possession of other drugs, 16 and 14.9, respectively.

Table 3-8.

Juvenile Drug Possession Arrests and Arrest Rates

County	Juvenile Total Drug Possession Arrests	Total Juvenile Drug Possession Arrest Rate	Juvenile Possession of Opium, Cocaine, and Derivatives Arrests	Juvenile Drug Possession Opium, Cocaine, and Derivatives Arrest Rate	Juvenile Possession of Marijuana Arrests	Juvenile Drug Possession Marijuana Arrest Rate	Juvenile Possession of Synthetic Narcotics Arrests	Juvenile Drug Possession Synthetic Narcotics Arrest Rate	Juvenile Possession of Other Drugs Arrests	Juvenile Drug Possession Other Drugs Arrest Rate
Barnstable	103	246.8	5	12.0	90	215.7	3	7.2	5	12.0
Berkshire	35	145.2	5	20.7	30	124.5	0	.0	0	.0
Bristol	156	123.8	7	5.6	145	115.1	0	.0	4	3.2
Dukes	3	135.3	1	45.1	2	90.2	0	.0	0	.0
Essex	151	145.2	10	9.6	129	124.1	3	2.9	9	8.7
Franklin	28	224.5	1	8.0	25	200.4	1	8.0	1	8.0
Hampden	231	213.5	36	33.3	193	178.4	1	.9	1	.9
Hampshire	22	83.7	3	11.4	20	76.1	0	.0	0	.0
Middlesex	203	98.0	5	2.4	193	93.2	1	.5	4	1.9
Nantucket	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Norfolk	76	69.2	2	1.8	74	67.4	0	.0	0	.0
Plymouth	149	138.3	7	6.5	126	116.9	0	.0	16	14.9
Suffolk	228	176.0	28	21.6	198	152.9	1	.8	1	.8
Worcester	211	138.3	13	8.5	195	127.8	1	.7	4	2.6
State totals	1596	138.4	123	10.7	1420	123.1	11	1.0	45	3.9

Source: FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division, 2000

JUVENILE WEAPON POSSESSION ARRESTS AND ARREST RATES

In 1998, 198 juveniles were arrested in Massachusetts for carrying or possessing a weapon, representing an arrest rate equaling 17.2 per 100,000 juveniles. Suffolk County reported the largest number of juvenile arrests and the highest arrest rate for carrying and possessing weapons, 76 and 58.7, respectively. Hampden County ranked second in the number of juvenile arrests and the arrest rate for carrying and possessing weapons, 28 and 25.9 respectively. Nantucket County reported having no juvenile arrests for weapon possession. While there were also no reported juvenile arrests for weapon possession in Franklin County, twelve communities in Franklin County did not submit arrest data.

Table 3-9.

Juvenile Weapon Arrests and Arrest Rates

County	Juvenile Weapon Possession Arrests	Juvenile Weapon Possession Arrest Rate
Barnstable	2	4.8
Berkshire	3	12.4
Bristol	12	9.5
Dukes	0	.0
Essex	12	11.5
Franklin	0	.0
Hampden	28	25.9
Hampshire	3	11.4
Middlesex	10	4.8
Nantucket	0	.0
Norfolk	10	9.1
Plymouth	21	19.5
Suffolk	76	58.7
Worcester	21	13.8
State totals	198	17.2

Source: FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division, 2000

TOTAL JUVENILE PART II ARRESTS AND ARREST RATES

During 1998, a total of 13,988 juveniles were arrested in Massachusetts for Part II offenses, an arrest rate of 1,213 per 100,000 juveniles. Franklin County had the highest arrest rate at 3,079, for a total of 384 juvenile arrests for all Part II offenses. Worcester County had the highest arrest volume for juvenile Part II offenses (2,160), but ranked fifth in the state with regard to arrest rates (1,416). Hampden County ranked second in the total number of arrests made and the corresponding arrest rate for juvenile Part II offenses, 2,015 and 1,863, respectively.

Table 3-10.

Total Juvenile Part II Arrests and Arrest Rates

County	Total Juvenile Part II Arrests	Juvenile Total Part II Arrest Rate
Barnstable	676	1620.1
Berkshire	365	1514.6
Bristol	1707	1355.0
Dukes	20	902.1
Essex	1050	1009.9
Franklin	384	3078.8
Hampden	2015	1862.7
Hampshire	238	905.1
Middlesex	1435	692.9
Nantucket	3	182.3
Norfolk	1064	968.5
Plymouth	1316	1221.4
Suffolk	1555	1200.6
Worcester	2160	1415.9
State totals	13988	1212.8

Source: FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division, 2000

Part II Crime Arrests by Race. The race of juveniles arrested for Part II crimes was approximately 83 percent white, 15 percent African American, 1 percent Asian, and .2 percent American Indian.

In total, 11,456 white juveniles were arrested in Massachusetts for Part II offenses, resulting in an arrest rate of 993 per 100,000 juveniles. Worcester County had the largest number of white juveniles arrested for Part II crimes (1,915), and an arrest rate of 1,255, which is the fifth highest in the state. In Franklin County, a total of 352 white juveniles were arrested for Part II offenses; however, this is the highest white juvenile arrest rate for Part II offenses (2,822) in the Commonwealth.

A total of 2,105 African American juveniles were arrested for Part II crimes, for an arrest rate of 183 per 100,000 juveniles. The largest number of arrests occurred in Suffolk County (836), which also had the highest arrest rate of 646 per 100,000 juveniles. Hampden County had the second largest number of black youth arrests and arrest rate for Part II crimes, 364 and 337 per 100,000 juveniles.

Plymouth County reported the highest number of Part II arrests of American Indian juveniles (13), representing half of the state total (26). It also has the highest corresponding arrest rate for American Indian juvenile Part II crimes (12.1), as compared to the statewide arrest rate of 2.3 per 100,000 juveniles.

The number of Asian juveniles arrested in Massachusetts for Part II offenses totaled 147, representing an arrest rate of 12.7 per 100,000 juveniles. Suffolk County had the highest number of Part II crime arrests of Asian juveniles totaling 51, and the second highest arrest rate (39.4).

Table 3-11.

Juvenile Part II Arrests and Arrest Rates by Race

County	White Juveniles Arrested for Part II Crimes	Juvenile White Part II Arrest Rate	Black Juveniles Arrested for Part II Crimes	Juvenile Black Part II Arrest Rate	American Indian or Alaskan Native Juveniles Arrested for Part II Crimes	Juvenile American Indian or Alaskan Native Part II Arrest Rate	Asian Juveniles Arrested for Part II Crimes	Juvenile Asian Part II Arrest Rate
Barnstable	614	1471.5	53	127.0	4	9.6	1	2.4
Berkshire	332	1377.6	30	124.5	0	.0	0	.0
Bristol	1553	1232.8	105	83.4	0	.0	10	7.9
Dukes	19	857.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Essex	999	960.8	37	35.6	1	1.0	9	8.7
Franklin	352	2822.3	18	144.3	0	.0	5	40.1
Hampden	1553	1435.6	364	336.5	1	.9	4	3.7
Hampshire	223	848.0	8	30.4	1	3.8	3	11.4
Middlesex	1271	613.7	82	39.6	2	1.0	6	2.9
Nantucket	3	182.3	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Norfolk	920	837.4	130	118.3	0	.0	10	9.1
Plymouth	1035	960.6	259	240.4	13	12.1	3	2.8
Suffolk	667	515.0	836	645.5	1	.8	51	39.4
Worcester	1915	1255.3	183	120.0	3	2.0	45	29.5
State totals	11456	993.3	2105	182.5	26	2.3	147	12.7

Source: FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division, 2000

JUVENILE PART II ARRESTS AND ARREST RATES

Driving Under the Influence. In the state of Massachusetts, 164 juveniles have been arrested for driving under the influence (DUI), resulting in an arrest rate of 14.2 per 100,000 juveniles. Barnstable County reported the highest juvenile arrest rate for DUI (43.1), where a total of 18 juveniles were arrested for driving under the influence. Worcester County had the majority of juvenile arrests (31) for driving under the influence and the second highest arrest rate at 20.3.

Liquor Law Violations. The total number of juveniles arrested for liquor law violations in Massachusetts for 1998 was 1,481, for an arrest rate of 128 juveniles per 100,000 juveniles. Franklin County had the highest arrest rate for this offense at 425, yet a relatively small number of juvenile arrests (53). Middlesex County had the largest number of total juvenile arrests (337), yet it ranked fifth in the overall arrest rate (163).

Drunkenness. In Massachusetts, 438 juveniles were arrested for drunkenness in 1998, for an arrest rate of 38.0 per 100,000 juveniles. Juvenile arrests for drunkenness were highest in Barnstable County (89), which also had the highest arrest rate (213). Norfolk County ranked second in the number of arrests and arrest rate for drunkenness, 75 and 68.3, respectively.

Disorderly Conduct. A total of 1,516 juveniles were arrested for disorderly conduct in Massachusetts in 1998, with an arrest rate of 131. Worcester County had the highest number of juveniles arrested for disorderly conduct (288), and an arrest rate of 189, ranking third in the state. Franklin County reported a total of 43 juvenile arrests for disorderly conduct. Despite this relatively low number, the arrest rate was the state's highest at 345, two and a half times the state arrest rate of 131.

Table 3-12.

Juvenile Part II Arrests and Arrest Rates

County	Juvenile Driving Under the Influence Arrests	Juvenile Driving Under the Influence Arrest Rate	Juvenile Liquor Law Violation Arrests	Juvenile Liquor Law Violation Arrest Rate	Juvenile Drunkenness Arrests	Juvenile Drunkenness Arrest Rate	Juvenile Disorderly Conduct Arrests	Juvenile Disorderly Conduct Arrest Rate
Barnstable	18	43.1	115	275.6	89	213.3	50	119.8
Berkshire	3	12.4	24	99.6	7	29.0	47	195.0
Bristol	20	15.9	159	126.2	42	33.3	179	142.1
Dukes	0	.0	6	270.6	0	.0	0	.0
Essex	15	14.4	148	142.3	40	38.5	150	144.3
Franklin	1	8.0	53	424.9	3	24.1	43	344.8
Hampden	17	15.7	104	96.1	29	26.8	146	135.0
Hampshire	1	3.8	18	68.5	11	41.8	19	72.3
Middlesex	19	9.2	337	162.7	51	24.6	115	55.5
Nantucket	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Norfolk	16	14.6	177	161.1	75	68.3	66	60.1
Plymouth	20	18.6	151	140.1	35	32.5	164	152.2
Suffolk	3	2.3	30	23.2	0	.0	249	192.3
Worcester	31	20.3	159	104.2	56	36.7	288	188.8
State totals	164	14.2	1481	128.4	438	38.0	1516	131.4

Source: FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division, 2000

Offenses against Family and Children. In 1998, the state total for juveniles arrested for offenses against family and children was 198, with an arrest rate of 17.2 per 100,000. Barnstable County, which arrested 23 juveniles for this offense, had the highest arrest rate (55.1). In contrast, Middlesex County had the highest volume of juveniles arrested for offenses against the family and children (49); however, its arrest rate was 23.7 and ranks fourth overall.

Vagrancy. Statewide, a total of 33 juveniles were arrested for vagrancy in 1998, representing 2.9 juveniles per 100,000. The highest number of arrests occurred in Hampden County (10), which also has the highest arrest rate (9.2).

Suspicion. Suspicion arrests do not entail a specific offense and the suspect is released without formal charges being placed (Uniform Crime Reports, 1998). In total, 56 juveniles were held for suspicion, resulting in a rate of 4.9 per 100,000 juveniles. Essex County had the highest number of juvenile arrests and arrest rates for suspicion, 25 and 24, respectively.

All Other Offenses. In the category of "all other offenses," a total of 3,928 juveniles were arrested in Massachusetts during 1998, generating an arrest rate of 341 per 100,000. The largest number of arrests occurred in Hampden County (1,032), which also had the highest arrest rate (954).

Table 3-13.

Juvenile Part II Arrests and Arrest Rates

County	Juvenile Offenses Against Family and Children Arrests	Juvenile Offenses Against Family and Children Arrest Rate	Juvenile Vagrancy Arrests	Juvenile Vagrancy Arrest Rate	Juvenile Suspicion Arrests	Juvenile Suspicion Arrest Rate	Juvenile All Other Offenses Arrests	Juvenile All Other Offenses Arrest Rate
Barnstable	23	55.1	0	.0	1	2.4	73	174.9
Berkshire	1	4.1	0	.0	0	.0	129	535.3
Bristol	4	3.2	1	.8	0	.0	469	372.3
Dukes	1	45.1	0	.0	0	.0	2	90.2
Essex	23	22.1	6	5.8	25	24.0	310	298.2
Franklin	2	16.0	0	.0	0	.0	159	1274.8
Hampden	7	6.5	10	9.2	0	.0	1032	954.0
Hampshire	0	.0	1	3.8	0	.0	36	136.9
Middlesex	49	23.7	0	.0	17	8.2	279	134.7
Nantucket	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	1	60.8
Norfolk	33	30.0	8	7.3	4	3.6	252	229.4
Plymouth	21	19.5	0	.0	4	3.7	163	151.3
Suffolk	2	1.5	0	.0	0	.0	388	299.6
Worcester	32	21.0	7	4.6	5	3.3	635	416.3
State totals	198	17.2	33	2.9	56	4.9	3928	340.6

Source: FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division, 2000

Other Assaults. There were 1,384 juveniles reported arrested in the Commonwealth in 1998 for other assaults, resulting in an arrest rate of 120 per 100,000 juveniles. Bristol County had the highest number of juvenile arrests and arrest rate for other assaults, 309 and 245, respectively.

Worcester County followed with the second largest number of juveniles arrested for other assaults (204), but ranked seventh in statewide arrest rates.

Forgery. The total number of juvenile forgery arrests in Massachusetts was 23, producing an arrest rate of 2 juveniles per 100,000 juveniles. Franklin County had the highest juvenile arrest rate for forgery (8), but only one juvenile was arrested for this offense. Norfolk and Middlesex Counties both had the highest number of juvenile forgery arrests, at 5 each.

Fraud. A total of 33 juveniles were arrested for fraud in Massachusetts, an arrest rate of 2.9 per 100,000 juveniles. Middlesex County had the largest number of juvenile fraud arrests (14), representing 42 percent of the total fraud arrests, with a corresponding arrest rate of 6.8.

Stolen Property. Juvenile stolen property arrests totaled 392 in Massachusetts, resulting in a statewide arrest rate of 34.0 per 100,000 juveniles. While Hampden County had the highest number of juvenile arrests for stolen property (95), Franklin County had the highest arrest rate for this crime (104).

Table 3-14.

Juvenile Part II Arrests and Arrest Rates

County	Juvenile Other Assault Arrests	Juvenile Other Assaults Arrest Rate	Juvenile Forgery Arrests	Juvenile Forgery Arrest Rate	Juvenile Fraud Arrests	Juvenile Fraud Arrest Rate	Juvenile Stolen Property Arrests	Juvenile Stolen Property Arrest Rate
Barnstable	84	201.3	1	2.4	1	2.4	11	26.4
Berkshire	36	149.4	0	.0	0	.0	11	45.6
Bristol	309	245.3	0	.0	4	3.2	33	26.2
Dukes	3	135.3	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Essex	37	35.6	2	1.9	3	2.9	20	19.2
Franklin	12	96.2	1	8.0	0	.0	13	104.2
Hampden	85	78.6	4	3.7	2	1.8	95	87.8
Hampshire	20	76.1	0	.0	0	.0	12	45.6
Middlesex	124	59.9	5	2.4	14	6.8	17	8.2
Nantucket	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Norfolk	89	81.0	5	4.6	1	.9	21	19.1
Plymouth	195	181.0	1	.9	1	.9	83	77.0
Suffolk	186	143.6	1	.8	3	2.3	41	31.7
Worcester	204	133.7	3	2.0	4	2.6	35	22.9
State totals	1384	120.0	23	2.0	33	2.9	392	34.0

Source: FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division, 2000

Vandalism. In 1998, 965 juveniles were arrested for vandalism in Massachusetts, generating an arrest rate of 83.7 per 100,000 juveniles. Franklin County, which had the highest vandalism arrest rate at 249, arrested only a total of 31 juveniles. However, Worcester County, which had the largest number of juvenile vandalism arrests at 171, had an arrest rate of 112, placing it fourth overall.

Prostitution/Sex Offense Violations. There were a total of 38 juveniles arrested in the state for prostitution, for an arrest rate of 3.3 per 100,000. The majority of these arrests (28) occurred in Suffolk County, resulting in the highest arrest rate in the state at 21.6. In total, 84 juveniles were arrested in Massachusetts for sex offense violations, an arrest rate of 7.3 per 100,000 juveniles. Bristol County had the largest number of juvenile arrests for sex offense violations (23) and the highest corresponding arrest rate (18.3).

Gambling. Total gambling arrests were extremely low, with all 5 arrests occurring in Suffolk County. Suffolk County had an arrest rate of 3.9 as compared to 0.3 juveniles per 100,000 for all 14 counties.

Table 3-15.

Juvenile Part II Arrests and Arrest Rates

County	Juvenile Vandalism Arrests	Juvenile Vandalism Arrest Rate	Juvenile Prostitution Arrests	Juvenile Prostitution Arrest Rate	Juvenile Sex Offenses Arrests	Juvenile Sex Offenses Arrest Rate	Juvenile Total Gambling Arrests	Juvenile Total Gambling Arrest Rate
Barnstable	60	143.8	0	.0	3	7.2	0	.0
Berkshire	5	20.7	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Bristol	138	109.5	6	4.8	23	18.3	0	.0
Dukes	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Essex	44	42.3	1	1.0	0	.0	0	.0
Franklin	31	248.6	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Hampden	103	95.2	0	.0	2	1.8	0	.0
Hampshire	20	76.1	0	.0	3	11.4	0	.0
Middlesex	88	42.5	0	.0	7	3.4	0	.0
Nantucket	1	60.8	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Norfolk	101	91.9	0	.0	4	3.6	0	.0
Plymouth	107	99.3	0	.0	9	8.4	0	.0
Suffolk	96	74.1	28	21.6	13	10.0	5	3.9
Worcester	171	112.1	3	2.0	20	13.1	0	.0
State totals	965	83.7	38	3.3	84	7.3	5	.4

Source: FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division, 2000

JUVENILE STATUS OFFENDER ARRESTS AND ARREST RATES

Curfew and Loitering Law Violations. A total of 24 juveniles were arrested for curfew and loitering law violations, for a state arrest rate of 2.1 per 100,000 juveniles. Hampden County had the highest number of juveniles arrested for this violation at 11, for an arrest rate of 10.2 juveniles per 100,000.

Runaways. The number of juveniles arrested as runaways in Massachusetts was much higher at 757, for an arrest rate of 65.6. Worcester County had the highest number of juveniles arrested for running away (190), resulting in an arrest rate of 125. The runaway arrest rate is highest for Franklin County (281), but it has a considerably small number of juvenile runaway arrests (35).

Table 3-16.

Juvenile Status Offense Arrests and Arrest Rates

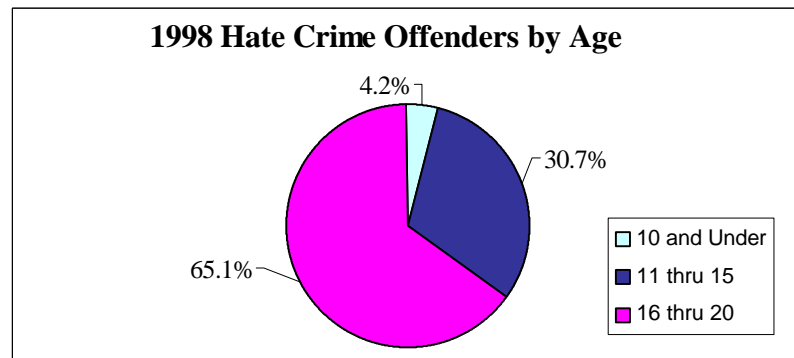
County	Juvenile Curfew and Loitering Law Violation Arrests	Juvenile Curfew and Loitering Law Violation Arrest Rate	Juvenile Runaways Arrests	Juvenile Runaways Arrest Rate
Barnstable	0	.0	25	59.9
Berkshire	0	.0	59	244.8
Bristol	0	.0	101	80.2
Dukes	0	.0	4	180.4
Essex	7	6.7	23	22.1
Franklin	0	.0	35	280.6
Hampden	11	10.2	16	14.8
Hampshire	0	.0	67	254.8
Middlesex	1	.5	29	14.0
Nantucket	0	.0	0	.0
Norfolk	5	4.6	62	56.4
Plymouth	0	.0	141	130.9
Suffolk	0	.0	5	3.9
Worcester	0	.0	190	124.6
State totals	24	2.1	757	65.6

Source: FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division, 2000

HATE CRIMES

In 1998, a total of 497 hate crime reports were filed in Massachusetts, representing a total of 766 criminal hate crime offenses. In the 425 cases in which the victim's age was indicated, youth (age 20 and under) comprised 34% of hate crimes victims. Fifty-four percent (54%) of youth victims were ages 16-20 and 34% were ages 11-15. In the 354 cases in which the offender's age was indicated, youth comprised 60% of hate crime offenders. Of youth offenders, 65% were ages 16-20 (Governor's Task Force on Hate Crimes, 1999).

Figure 3-4.



Source: Governor's Task Force on Hate Crimes, 1999

